

Cottonwood Heights City
MINUTES OF THE PARKS, TRAILS, AND OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE
April 21, 2021
Virtual ZOOM Meeting / Recorded

Present*: Jennifer Shah; Greg Reid; Erin Davis; Michael Menssen; Chris Owens; Ben Hill; Ronna Cohen; Kristy Morrison; Sarah Ricketts; Melissa Fields and John Locke

Management & Staff*: Mike Johnson and Councilmember Christine Mikell

Guests: Kyle LaMalfa and Brian Tonetti, Seven Canyons Trust
John Locke and Mark Vlasic, Landmark Design

**Unless otherwise noted here, the attendees appeared via ZOOM – Virtual meeting.*

Summary and Key Actions

- *Understand and advocate for the Seven Greenways Visioning Plan*
 - *Grant money will be used for the Ferguson Trail trailhead and public park improvements*
 - *The City has submitted letters of interest to the landowners of the Dover Hills/LDS church property for its purchase*
 - *The Butler Park sidewalk connectivity construction planning is now delayed due to district partnership funding*
 - *Committee project priorities were ranked from a committee survey and presented to the committee*
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Welcome: Ms. Shah called the meeting to order and welcomed Committee members, management, and staff. Ms. Shah read to the committee a virtual public meeting statement from the Governor's Executive Order.

Seven Canyons Trust - Seven Greenways Visioning Plan: Kyle LaMalfa and Brian Tonetti presented their visioning plan <https://sevingreenwaysvisionplan.org/>. They presented their three-phase visioning for implementing the Seven Greenways Plan. Committee support was requested to offer feedback, share engagement opportunities with Cottonwood Heights communities and recommend that the plan be included into the City's master planning documents.

City Staff / Council / Service Area Update: Mike Johnson, CH Community & Economic Development Director mentioned that the City Planning Commission voted unanimously to recommend the master plan for the City Council for approval in mid-May. Additionally, he updated the committee on the Utah Outdoor Recreation Grant efforts supporting the Ferguson Trail trailhead parking lot and public park. The project is moving forward and will be completed by the end of the year. The City is obligated to complete all park improvements and has requested that a \$150,000 grant would be used for the improvements. He is now waiting for grant approval from the State. The Bonneville Shoreline Trail will receive 5M in Legislative funding and will be allocated through the Utah Office of Outdoor Recreation / UOOR. The City will be seeking funds from the UOOR once the grant process has been created.

The Utah Rivers Council is selling rain barrels for \$75. The deadline for purchase is April 25, 2021. This is not a City sponsored activity and the Cities sustainability staff will be volunteering during the May 1, 2021 rain

barrel pick-up day. Lastly, Mr. Johnson asked the committee members for their photo and bios to populate the City's new webpage outlining the committee and its work.

The Dover Hills LDS Church land acquisition/sale update was provided by Councilmember Christine Mikell. The community around the property have begun to activate and sign petitions to support the City's purchase of the land and at a minimum have a portion dedicated as residential. The City is interested in the entire parcel. There is an obvious lack of City greenspace in the area. The LDS Church has posted its sale publicly and are taking in all inquiries. The City will continue to work with the area residents and stakeholders in a move to purchase the land.

Councilmember Mikell brief the committee on the movement of the property owners in the Top of the World neighborhood to put up fencing and cameras to eliminate private land trail access. The City is working with Utah Open Lands to procure the land to expand the trail network.

The City council is working through the budget currently and has an opportunity to earmark some funds for a safe zone bike path along Bengal Blvd. Within the last relief package, the City maybe the beneficiary of 3.7M dollars. Some of the funds could be used to support trail connectivity in the City.

Ben Hill, CH Parks & Recreation Service Area Executive Director updated the committee on the tennis courts/water tower/McIntire Park area and his efforts to have a discussion with SLC Public Utilities about its future use and access. The Service Area can't commit to improvements until SLC agrees to its long-term use. The Butler Park sidewalk connectivity construction will be delayed. The Canyons School District lacks funding until their high school projects have been completed. The Salt Lake County's current position on splash pads is that they remain closed until the pandemic protocols are lessened. That includes the Montview Park splash pad. Additionally, the State has asked the Service Area for a 20% reduction in water use. Lastly, the Service Area's Charity Golf Tournament is scheduled this year August 24, 2021 after being cancelled in 2020.

Committee Chair Jennifer Shah sought a recommendation to create a subcommittee to work with Ben and his Service Area Board to identify projects and infrastructure partnerships. The committee agreed to move Ms. Shah's request to the May meeting seeking additional input.

John Locke and Mark Vlasic from Landmark Design presented and asked about the committee's planning and mapping work in creating its Parks and Trails Master Plan. Landmark Design is working with the City on its *Cottonwood Heights Tomorrow* initiative – a chapter by chapter update of the City's General Plan. They outlined their timeline and website <https://www.cottonwoodheightstomorrow.org>. Community feedback is requested. They will also support the City in evaluating its zoning ordinances. Committee member Ronna Cohen was identified as the committee's project liaison.

Approval of March 17, 2021 meeting minutes: Committee Chair Jennifer Shah ask for approval of the March 17, 2021 committee minutes. Committee member Erin Davis asked for a change in the language regarding the county's funding of the Crestview Park pool. Amended language was offered and used to update the document. The March 17, 2021 minutes were approved by committee vote. In outlining PTOS business, The Chair reminded the committee on PTOS project priorities and the committee's survey project's rankings including a pollinator garden and pickleball court lights.

Recommendation to City Council about PTOS Master Plan. Committee Chair Jennifer Shaw ask for the Committee's comment and vote to recommend the PTOS Master Plan to the City council. Michael Johnson mentioned that the Public did not have any notable Master Plan input outside of two positive public comments. Chair Jennifer Shaw asked for a committee vote on a recommendation of the PTOS Master Plan to the City. The motion was introduced and seconded by the committee and was passed unanimously.

Committee Chair Jennifer Shaw ask for committee's comment on the Wasatch Rock Development presentation and supplemental information provided at the March committee meeting, She started the discussion with a request to have more shade trees, possible solar panels and noted the height of the buildings as being a concern as to the aesthetics in the area. Michael Johnson added that the City will add the committee's comments and recommendations to the City architect's evaluation.

Sub-Committee Reports / Member Updates: Committee members Erin Davis and Michael Menssen advised the committee on a past meeting about the Crestwood Park improvements and the pool opening. Three goals were identified. 1 – Keeping the pool open in 2021. 2- Keeping the pool open long term. 3- Park well-being and thoughtful improvements. A format of building Crestwood park improvements and including recommendations in a future Salt Lake County master plan was offered by Committee member Ben Hill as a course of action for goal attainment.

Committee member Melissa Fields updated the committee on her work in communicating the committee's feedback to the US Forest Service's trail counter project and implementation. The next Forest Service project update will be in the winter.

Committee Chair Jennifer Shaw asked Michael Johnson if the City has posted the open committee member position. Michael mentioned that the volunteer PTOS committee assignment would be soon posted and open to all City areas for candidate consideration.

There was no public attendance or comment at today's committee meeting.

Committee action items were reviewed.

Ms. Shah asked the committee for agenda items and ideas for the May 19, 2021 meeting.

Adjournment: There being no further business, Ms. Shah adjourned the meeting.

Michael Johnson

Date

Jennifer Shah

Date